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MEETING NOTICE: The Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association will meet this month on March 14 at 7:30 pm at Sabin Junior High School, 3605 N. Carefree Circle (Village Seven). Anyone interested in amateur radio is invited to attend. The program will be a return visit from Gene Harsh, continuing his discussion of sunspots and all kinds of atmospheric stuff that relates to radio waves. NOTE: Program will be the first half of the meeting!

TOWARD A CONTEST CLUB: Isn't it about time southern Colorado got on the contest map? We have many contest operators in the area who always come out of the woodwork to do a bang-up job, but wouldn't it be fun (as well as beneficial) to pool all this talent together and make a name for ourselves? And what an opportunity for would-be winners to get on the inside track. What an opportunity for those of us who think we're good to tell lies about our prowess. What an opportunity for those of us who really know to sit around and snicker in our 807's.

Maybe we can change the notion that the Zero district is also a zero for contests. You know--no pipeline to Europe, none to Japan, none to the South Pacific... How many stations are there in Siberia?! Just think, however, that with conditions improving as they are... The possibility is good that during that one contest we might have worldwide conditions and this would be the spot.

You don't need 100-foot towers, monobanders, and linears to be a winner--just dedication, a little shrewdness, and a lot of luck. Interested? There are a few already. We want more. Watch out CCC, NCCC, et al. Give me a call at 473-0293.

Dave Vierling NØDV

FEBRUARY MINUTES: The February 14, 1979 meeting of the PPRAA was called to order by Doug Moloney WBØMHP at Sabin Jr. High School. Guests were introduced. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from last meeting as printed in Zero Beat. The treasurer's report was given by David Riese...[and apparently not recorded by the secretary...hmmm.]

REPORTS: Sports Festival--Frank Freiler WBØPAJ, dates are July 27 through Aug 1st. There will be 30 sports activities with 3000 participants, including 2500 athletes and 500 coaches. Interested hams should start making arrangements with their employers for the time off during the event. (Con'd next page.)

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The PPRAA, meets at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the cafeteria of Sabin Junior High School, 3605 N. Carefree Circle.

MINUTES (con'd): Ray Uberecken AAØL gave report on Interference and Club Station equipment. Doug Moloney WBØMHP, Classes, need volunteers to run the CW classes on Tuesday nights to relieve Mike KØTER, Dave WBØTAQ, and Dave NØDV. New Novice Class starts Tuesday, March 27 at North Jr High. Swapfest--Dick Schlueter WBØPNX, will be held April 22 at a hangar at Pete Field. More details to come. Field Day--Doug WBØMHP, will be held same place as last year on the Rampart Range Road. More details later. Bill Croghan WBØKSW volunteered to head up a committee for the March of Dimes. Club Picnic--Oak Stockton KØROL reminded everyone that the picnic is coming up in August--details to be discussed later. Refreshments--need volunteers to take refreshments for the months of May through August. Transmitter Hunt--Anyone interested please see David Riese WBØSDW. The hunts have been temporarily discontinued due to lack of interest. 52 Net--meets every Wednesday evening at 7 pm. Need volunteers for net control; and please try to check in.

Community School Mall Exhibit will be held March 29-30 at Citadel. The club will set up a 2-meter station and send Mother's Day messages. Board meetings are held the first monday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting will be at Dave Allen's WBØTAQ. [Well, you missed that one. April meeting on the 2nd at Oak's.] CCARC--Chuck WØRNT, they'll be meeting in Colorado Springs on April 21. More info to come. SERVCOM--Bud WBØTIB will be setting up appointments for hams to get new ID cards. SERVCOM Net is held each Sunday evening on 37/97, 16/76, or .52. Any member may call the net. International Amateur Radio Union--The club voted to donate \$50 for a 20-meter trans/rec to be sent to one of the underprivileged countries. Olympic Festival--Bud WBØTIB announced that he will be unable to be chairman of the scheduling committee for the Festival. Change in Meeting Format--Beginning with the March meeting, the program will begin at 7:30 pm, with the business portion of the meeting following the break. The Continuing Committee voted to continue this on the next page... [And Lorna, you forgot to mention that Hammy was presented to Dave Allen WBØTAQ 'cause he's such a neat guy and good type.]

MINUTES (resumed): Doug WBØMHP suggests that we submit New Business to the board to be printed in Zero Beat by the 1st of the month to give everyone a chance to consider it before the meeting.

At 8:24, break was called, followed by an excellent program given by Joy Schafer WBØMTA on traffic handling in general, and specifically, her work with the hospitals in Canon City, CO. Tnx, Joy, for an excellent program. Joy suggests that we start a hospital message handling program in Colorado Springs.

Respectfully,
Lorna WDØBTF & Diane
Uberecken (tnx Diane)

WANTED: Wilson Mark II 2-m FM HT.
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HT-32 XMTR.. Steve Schaarschmidt KØCI, 596-6594.

SPRATLY ISLAND: 1S1DX will commence operations on March 29, 1979. (South Jersey DX Assn)

I HAVEN'T HEARD much radio news this month. Bart and Ellen went bird watching. Doug Moloney is going to school. David Riese is riding motorcycles. Dick Schlueter is chasing runaways, and Kim Schlueter is raising 6-meter

bacteria. But I'm afraid I'd have to nominate myself for the non-ham of the month. I have an "awful" confession to make--the last rock I bought was not a 2-meter crystal. No. I blew enough to buy a fully synthesized 2-meter rig to buy a rock to grace the finger of one Carrie Lundquist, who has said--of all things--that she wants to marry me come June 9

So as my heart goes QRQ and my mind goes QSB and my station goes CL for lack of a control operator, I must admit a need (and desire) to curtail my ham activities, at least for a while, and devote full attention to this marriage business and to establishing a home for Miss Carrie and me. You see, ham radio (and all you folks) provided me an outlet for my heart and mind and energies while I waited for this to happen.

Although I'd like to continue doing Zero Beat, i will have to back out of other club activities, especially classes. (Con'd.)

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(From page 3): And rather than burden further those who are already keeping the club's activities going, I must ask those who aren't very active to consider what they can contribute to the people in the club, and to those who the club serves. Nothing good happens by itself. How much of your TV or entertainment time could be spent studying up to teach a class or by inviting a new novice over to show him/her how a station is set up and run? We need ya. We need everybody in the club to have a club. We gotta work for it. That's a bad word, I know. But it's what life and marriages and clubs and successes and harvests--anything worthwhile--are made of...work, energy.

And you see what happens to the paper when the assistant editor can't help. Missed ya, Dona. Hurry back.



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